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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: MASS, RW, LY SUBJECT: REPORTED LIBYAN PARA COMMANDO TRAINING FOR RWANDANS

- 1. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR TOLD US IN CONFIDENCE JANUARY 23 THAT LIBYA HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE PARACOMMANDO TRAINING FOR UPWARDS OF 200 RWANDAN ARMY PERSONNEL, INCLUDING FIVE SENIOR AND FIFTEEN JUNIOR GRADE OFFICERS. RWANDAN PERSONNEL WERE TO HAVE DEPARTED FOR LIBYA BY JAN. 15, ALTHOUGH AIRPORT CLOSURE HERE MAY HAVE SET BACK SCHEDULE.
- 2. ACCORDING TO BELGIAN AMB, PERSONNEL SELECTED FOR TRAINING IN LIBYA ARE "REJECTS" FROM BELGIUM'S OWN PARACOMMANDO TRAINING PROGRAM IN RWANDA. ALSO COMMENTED HE SUSPECTED THERE MIGHT BE ARMS OR EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED TO RWANDA IN CONNECTION WITH TRAINING, BUT HE HAD NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS.
- 3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO CONFIDENTIAL

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DEPRTMENT OR EMBASSY TRIPOLI MIGHT PROVIDE ON REPERTED TRAINING PROGRM OR, OF COURSE, ON ANY ARMS SUPPLY ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE KNOWN. WE ARE AWARE FONMIN NSEKALIJE RECENTLY RETURNED FROM TRIPOLI VISIT, BUT WE DOUBT THAT PARACOMMANDO TRAINING WAS ON HIS AGENDA THIS TIME. CRIGLER

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